

**ALCTS Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries
and
ALCTS Chief Collection Development Officers
Discussion Groups**

Indiana University Libraries Round Robin Update – June 2006

GENERAL

Priorities for FY2007

Major library initiatives for FY2007 include the following:

- Reviewing staffing, collections, and services in the main and branch libraries
- Planning for reconfiguration of library space, including developing the concept of a "research commons" and shifting, inventorying library stacks in main and branch libraries
- Initiating a mass digitization effort with directed collection development funds
- Expanding content in local institutional repository through an increased outreach program with individual faculty, academic departments, and research centers
- Re-engineering the Libraries' web site in response to user input
- Effecting a major upgrade of Unicorn Integrated Library System to support Unicode vernacular display and searching capabilities
- Developing strategic partnerships with other Indiana libraries to plan and build future offsite storage modules.

LibQUAL+

During the spring semester, the Libraries participated in the LibQUAL+ survey. The response rate to the survey was relatively high, especially as compared with the last survey in 2002. A committee has been formed to respond to concerns raised by respondents; it is focusing on three areas: the online catalog and library website; physical facilities; and customer service.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Personnel

Between January and June 2006, staffing within the Technical Services Department remained relatively stable with only 3 open positions. To date, two of the positions have been advertised and filled. We anticipate some vacancies over the summer months, as there are several support staff currently in job searches for professional positions.

Local System

During the semester break (December 2006/January 2007 timeframe), we are planning to upgrade from SirsiDynix Unicorn version 2003.1.4.5 to GL3.1. In preparation for this upgrade, staff will be heavily involved in testing, planning, and training activities during the fall. We are hoping to do both the upgrade and the Unicode implementation at the same time.

At present the Indiana University Libraries are not moving into the areas generally considered as "next generation OPAC" issues (i.e., Endeca, Primo, etc.). In response to several recent studies, we are reviewing the way that we define searches and displays in our general SirsiDynix catalog and watching the SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal product. Instead of a focus on the catalog and catalog software, we are opting to display data from the library catalog in different venues through the library web site. We have included our library catalog in our federated search software. We are also hard at work developing a new search system for our library web site that will enable users to work with an AJAX search system to search the catalog, other library web-based resources, and the library web site itself inside a context developed by our librarians that will embed instruction and advice, and eventually allow for personalization.

OCLC Reclamation Project Completed

Files were extracted from our local catalog (4.5+ million titles) and sent to OCLC in January as part of an IU system-wide holdings reclamation project.

Pinyin Conversion Project Update

The Wade Giles-to-pinyin OCLC bibliographic record overlay project was completed on March 1st. A significant amount of manual clean-up in our local catalog remains to be done.

Commercial Binding

Local binding policies will be reviewed in the coming months with the goal of significantly reducing the number of monographs and serials sent for commercial binding. Staff will also be involved in preparing a RFP for commercial binding this summer.

Hidden Collections

An inventory is being conducted to identify uncataloged collections housed within the various libraries on the Bloomington campus. Once this information is collected, work will begin prioritizing the list and identifying the best means for providing access to these unknown resources.

LC Series Decision

We continue to follow existing PCC standards and guidelines with regard to series authority work. Discussions will be held during the summer months with a variety of constituencies in order to better understand the impact this change will have on local policies and workflows. Recommendations will be formulated based on the outcome of these discussions.

Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians 2006 Annual Conference

Indiana University, Bloomington hosted the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians Conference (OVGTSL) on May 10-12, 2006, with 110 participants attending from over five states.

Electronic Resource Management

Plans to enhance our locally developed content manager to support expanded ERMS capabilities were put on hold. The announcement of a SirsiDynix ERMS partnership with Serials Solutions in February 2006 altered the charge and deliberations of the implementation group.

Future of Cataloging at Indiana University

The Task Force's report was submitted on January 15th and outlined five recommended strategic directions. This summer we will be conducting internal reviews of the Wells Library's technical services operations with the goal of streamlining/eliminating current processes in order to better utilize existing staff resources in support of new initiatives and services. The report is available at: http://www.iub.edu/~libtserv/pub/Future_of_Cataloging_White_Paper.pdf

COLLECTIONS

Materials Budget

The materials budget for FY2007 will have a modest increase of \$500,000, or about 5 percent. Most of the increase will cover serials inflation, but a good portion will be dedicated to digitization of significant local collections. Planning is under way to move digitization into the mainstream of library activities, with the Libraries' Digital Library Program providing direction and otherwise focusing on research and development activities. Since the Libraries do not expect significant increases to its budget for FY2008, we are planning on a serials and binding review in spring 2007.

Collection Assessment

The Libraries have drafted a schedule for regular collection assessment activities. As part of the Libraries' overall assessment goals, IUL has subscribed to the OCLC WorldCat Collection Analysis Program, in partnership with other members of the CIC. Training has been provided to all collection managers, and we are working on a set of issues to investigate as we learn to navigate the software and interpret the results of the analyses.

Personnel

In December 2005, Kathryn (Kate) Brooks assumed duties as collection manager for Classical Studies, Comparative Literature, French & Italian, and Germanic Studies. Kate is a recent graduate of Indiana University's School of Library and Information Science.

Digital Preservation

The Libraries continue to archive electronic journals using the LOCKSS software. There are currently over 130 journals archived in the IU cache.

IUL has signed on as a member of Portico, and has communicated information on this initiative to other libraries in the IU system. Surprisingly, three of the smaller campuses at IU have also expressed interest in subscribing.

After participating in a pilot with RLG and the Internet Archive in fall 2005, IUL decided to become subscribers to Archive-It, the service that collects and stores websites openly accessible websites. The project has forced the local implementation team to deal with a range of issues: selection decisions, presentation of this historical data to our users, and cataloging/metadata standards. IUL has begun to archive websites related to Indiana University, Indiana government publications, and foreign and international statistics.

Institutional Repository

After a year of planning and discussion with faculty, the Libraries made their institutional repository, IUScholarWorks, available to the public in the spring. As many before us have noted, recruitment of content remains a major issue, along

with copyright. Goals for the coming semester include contacts with every academic unit and research center (where there has been high interest). Along with Julie Bobay, Associate Director of Collection Development and lead person for this project, collection managers are expected to be key in communicating information to their constituents. Available at: <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/dspace/index.jsp>.

Scholarly Communication

IUL applied for, and was accepted into the ARL/ACRL Scholarly Communications Institute in July. The Libraries' Executive Associate Dean, Director of Collection Development, and Assistant Director of Development/Public Relations and Grants will attend. Our goal is to create a plan for an upcoming series of discussions with humanities faculty on their role in developing new modes of scholarly communication.

During FY2006, Indiana University announced the availability of funding for its New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities Program. IUL, in collaboration with its sister campus in Indianapolis, applied for and received funds to host a two-day seminar on "New Models of Scholarly Communication: Defining the IU Perspective." The seminar, along with its followup activities, will bring together campus opinion-makers and give faculty the opportunity to think and about and articulate their needs in humanities computing

Wiley Print Archive

The IU Libraries continue to serve as the print archive for the entire corpus of Wiley journals. This is a partnership of libraries within the CIC. Volumes are being bound and stored in the Libraries' offsite storage facility. Use of the print collection has been remarkably low, since all members of the CIC have access to the electronic version of Wiley titles. The most challenging aspect to the project has been the time and effort needed to claim missing issues, a task performed admirably by the Libraries' Acquisitions Department. (The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is fulfilling a similar role, archiving the print journals published by Kluwer/Springer.)

Mass Digitization

The Libraries have sent a letter expressing their interest in participating in the Open Content Alliance.

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